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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MARR, AS

SUBJ: PROJECT OMEGA

REF: A) CANBERRA 2516 B) CANBERRA 2271

1. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT. ADVISE EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS EXTENT TO WHICH INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 4 REF A CAN BE PROVIDED AND CLASSIFICATION THEREOF. IN CONTEXT OF JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF OMEGA, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TELEGRAPHICALLY STATUS REPORT ON OMEGA SYSTEM REQUESTED PARA 4 A REF A.

2. EMBOFF HAD CONVERSATION WITH FIRST ASSIST. SECRETARY UNKLES OF DEPT. OF TRANSPORT MAY 11, DURING COURSE OF WHICH UNKLES STATED A) JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPECTED TO HOLD FIRST MEETING IN WEEK'S TIME AND B) PROJECT OMEGA WOULD BE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR COMMITTEE. IN THIS CONNECTION UNKLES NOTED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW MUCH OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN EMBASSY LETTER TO DFA (REF A) COULD BE USED IN UNCLASSIFIED FORM. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF FACT THAT OMEGA AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN

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SIGNED WITH LIBERIA IS UNCLASSIFIED OR NOT. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT FACT OF AGREEMENT WAS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND THAT EMBASSY EXPECTED RECEIVE TEXT OF AGREEMENT IN DUE COURSE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE UNCLASSIFIED. WITH REGARD TO OTHER INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN EMBASSY LETTER, EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT.

3. DURING CONVERSATION, EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER TO UNKLES COPY OF DRAFT CONTRACT FOR OMEGA NAVIGATION STATION AUSTRALIA SENT TO EMBASSY BY OMEGA PROJECT MANAGER IN LETTER SEPTEMBER 15, 1972. UNKLES INDICATED INTEREST IN HAVING COPY OF CONTRACT AND A COPY WAS GIVEN TO HIM. PARALLEL COPY HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FLOOD IN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. FYI: UNKLES NOTED THAT MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT JONES WAS ASKING PRIME MINISTER FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT EUROPE AT END OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE, AFTER WHICH IT EXPECTED JONES WOULD WISH TO VISIT U. S. COAST GUARD OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU. EMBASSY WILL INFORM FURTHER OF JONES' PLANS SINCE APPROVAL FOR HIS PROPOSED VISIT NOT FIRM. END FYI.

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